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Applicant: Paul CLARKE et al.

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For: FILTER FOR A CIGARETTE AND A FILTER-TIPPED
CIGARETTE

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

May 22, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated February 27, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A filter for a cigarette, comprising an assembly of:
- a cylindrical filtering core;
 - a tubular filtering sheath surrounding said core, and provided between said core and said sheath are passages,
 - wherein said passages are spaced circumferentially around said core and extending continuously between open ends at the two ends of the assembly and;